



SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Veterans from five of the leading veterans groups in the United States have formally associated themselves with similar groups in Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, France, The Gold Coast, Great Britain, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Turkey, and Yugoslavia; and

WHEREAS, These veterans today constitute a federation of 16 million members in twenty countries of Europe, America, Asia and Africa; and

WHEREAS, They have formally proposed an annual tribute to the memory of their comrades who have died in war; and

WHEREAS, They have, at the same time, dedicated themselves to the cause of peace with freedom through continued efforts to effect international accord based on mutual understanding, respect and confidence; and

WHEREAS, They have also pledged themselves to continuing efforts throughout the world to both national and international action for insuring that justice is rendered to disabled veterans and their dependents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim, Sunday, June 21, 1953 as

WORLD VETERANS DAY

And I call upon the affiliated organizations of the World Veterans Federation in this state to join with their comrades all over the world in whatever appropriate ceremonies they may devise, and for these additional purposes: To unite in condemning war as a method of settling disputes and to urge sincere application of the principles set forth in the charter of the United States. To salute the gallantry and devotion of all United Nations forces from many lands who have successfully met the threat to freedom everywhere raised by the aggression against the Republic of Korea; and to pledge anew double allegiance to sincere efforts for peace with freedom and to just action on behalf of disabled veterans and their dependents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed, this 17th day of June, 1953.

SIGURD ANDERSON
Governor

ATTEST:

Walden Street
Secretary of State

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